

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming method includes the steps of  
a) multi-level quantizing a multi-tone image by an error  
diffusion method, and b) representing each pixel of the  
5 thus-quantized image having a quantized level higher  
than 0 using a dot which is larger as the quantized  
level thereof is higher. Occurrence of dots having a  
specific size is repressed in a specific shade region  
relating to the dots.

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